

## **THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary data for FY '09 show that VCIL responded to over 1,450 requests from individuals, agencies, and community groups for information and referral and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 300 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and assisted 360 households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. We provided 255 individuals with assistive technology and delivered meals to 520 individuals through our Meals On Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we now have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Windham and Rutland Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '09, six residents of Shaftsbury received services from the following programs:

Home & Community Access Program (HAP)  
Meals on Wheels Program (MOW)  
Peer Advocacy & Community Outreach Program (PAC)  
Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)  
(over \$1100.00 spent on peers)  
Information and Referral (I&R)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:

1-800-639-1522 or visit our web site at [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)

Respectfully submitted

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